



King County

INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT SPECIALIST I DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES MENTAL HEALTH, CHEMICAL ABUSE AND DEPENDENCY SERVICES DIVISION

Hourly Rate Range: \$23.2507 – 28.4175 (2003 wage rate)

Job Announcement No.:03RM3829

OPEN: 11/3/03 - CLOSE: Nov 30, 2003 or until filled

WHO MAY APPLY: This position is open to all qualified applicants.

WHERE TO APPLY: Required forms and materials **must** be sent to: Elizabeth Baker, 900 Fourth Avenue, Suite 625, Seattle, WA 98164. Contact Liz Pacheco, Dave Phillips, or Michael Leake at 206-296-5296 for further inquiries. **PLEASE NOTE:** Applications not received at the location specified above may not be processed.

FORMS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED: A [King County application form and applicant data sheet](#), current resume, and written responses to the questionnaire on the reverse side of this announcement.

WORK LOCATION: Primary work site: Union Bank of California Building at 900 4th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98164. Other work sites as necessary.

WORK SCHEDULE: Temporary on-call positions are available, and the work schedule is variable, including nights, weekends, and holidays, and availability for Court on scheduled days off.

PRIMARY JOB DUTIES INCLUDE: Provide crisis outreach services throughout King County. Investigate allegations, gather evidence, conduct clinical evaluations, and decide, in accordance with RCW 71.05 and 71.34, if psychiatric hospitalization is needed or if referral to other resources is appropriate. Prepare witness statements, serve subpoenas, and testify at court hearings. Complete required legal forms and written documentation of investigation activities. Coordinate the processing of involuntarily committed individuals through the legal system.

QUALIFICATIONS: A master's degree in social work, behavioral sciences, or a related field, and at least two years of experience in the direct evaluation and treatment of persons with mental illness under the supervision of a mental health professional; or an RN with two years of experience in the treatment of persons with mental illness.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: At the time of appointment, the candidate must possess a valid, unencumbered Washington State driver's license. An offer of employment will be contingent on the success of a pre-employment physical examination. The candidate must be able to work varied shifts in a high-stress environment; be physically able to enter and rapidly exit residences throughout King County; and be able to do extensive hand written documentation.

UNION MEMBERSHIP: Positions in this classification are represented by Local 925 of SEIU with membership required within 30 days of employment.

CLASS CODE: 1051

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Provide a concise written response indicating your background in each of the following areas. Please print your last name and first initial at the top of each page you submit.

I. DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, TRAINING, AND WORK EXPERIENCE RELATING TO YOUR ABILITY TO ASSESS MENTAL DISORDERS. SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS YOUR ABILITY TO:

- Apply knowledge of mental disorders.
- Apply knowledge of behavioral indicators of alcoholism.
- Apply knowledge of behavioral indicators of drug abuse.
- Apply knowledge of indicators of an individual at risk to harm self.
- Apply knowledge of indicators of an individual at risk to harm others.

II. DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATION BACKGROUND, TRAINING, AND WORK EXPERIENCE RELATING TO YOUR ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE. SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS YOUR ABILITY TO:

- Apply knowledge of effective interviewing techniques.
- Summarize interviews, assessments, and plans.
- Accurately and thoroughly fill out forms, case reports, logs, etc.
- Give oral presentations to groups, give court testimony, etc.
- Explain complex clinical and legal issues/decisions to others.

III. DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, TRAINING, AND WORK EXPERIENCE RELATING TO YOUR ABILITY TO WORK WITH MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES. SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS YOUR ABILITY TO:

- Establish rapport with mentally ill individuals.
- Evaluate mentally ill individuals in their homes or other non-office settings.
- Perform job duties in unpleasant or potentially dangerous situations and/or settings.
- Calm agitated, angry, or distraught individuals.
- Maintain sensitivity to age, race, sexual orientation, disability of individuals.
- Support, educate, and gain cooperation of families and significant others.

IV. DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, TRAINING, AND WORK EXPERIENCE RELATING TO YOUR ABILITY TO WORK WITHIN LEGAL PARAMETERS INVOLVING INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS. SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS YOUR ABILITY TO:

- Apply knowledge of involuntary commitment laws.
- Read and apply laws and legal guidelines to specific cases.
- Apply knowledge of state and local laws affecting involuntary commitments.
- Interact with members of the legal profession and/or court.